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Thanks are due to Columbus for discovering us.

When accidents come down to earth they find that the laws have not changed since they soared aloft.

Thanksgiving isn't so far ahead but we can smell mince pie and cranberry sauce coming down the pike.

The quakers in New York have organized a union. But that is one which will probably be easy to break up.

Terrific and fatal storms on land and sea prove that man has not yet made complete conquest of the forces of nature.

With food prices still soaring, the housekeeper girl has problems to solve of just as great importance as those which are called on to wrenes arms.

No hurry about that smoked glass. Hailstones will not be visible to the naked eye till next spring. Quot—“An eye-bleeding scot glass is called naked.”

Americans received the steamship “Government” telephone, the electric light and the toaster. Then an American should it all by inventing the automobile.

The Japanese have added a course of swimming to the curriculum of the girls' schools in Japan. They might as well establish an institution of instruction teaching ducks how to swim.

The head of a woman's college in Minnesota holds the theory that a woman's beauty should be developed before her brains. It is a sensible reversal of old principles to begin any building on a sound foundation to make the value all the stronger at the top.

American torpedo boats and torpedo destroyers are showing a capacity for speed that is not likely to be exceeded anywhere. The torpedo boat destroyer Flaxer recently made something like 16 knots an hour, and now another new craft, the Reed reports having made 14.54 knots. These fine “booms of the sea” show they can go swiftly as well as sing sharply.

A recruit in New York who openly served the Army and the American flag and who asserted he had entered the United States service merely for money and graft, was court-martialed and sent to prison for several years. The country has no more use for traitors in these days than in the times of Benedict Arnold, and such an offense is severely punished because it strikes at the very root of our national life.

That Panama earthquake was only a little one. It caused some apprehension, but apparently did no damage. The canal at Panama was undertaken in the full knowledge that the region is in the earthquake belt, but also with the conviction that less danger is to be apprehended there than would have threatened had the United States adhered to the Nicaraguan route, for the Nicaraguan route is much longer, and the longer the route the greater the liability to injury of the canal by earthquakes.

The national game of baseball is constantly achieving new triumphs. A match was played in Berlin recently for the benefit of the American woman's club, and was dignified by some unusual features. The nine were headed respectively by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, and Capt. Heath of the British embassy, while the remaining players were chosen from the United States embassy and from the American colony in the German capital.

An expert in the difficult art of exterminating mosquitoes claims at last to have found an easy way. As their breeding places are in swampy lands or in stagnant water and the season for their breeding is in April and May, permanganate of potash scattered over these places will be an effective destroyer. He claims that two applications will do the work. It is a little late for the present season, but there ought to be a demand for the mosquito exterminator in New Jersey next spring.

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The arrest and fining of a Chicago chauffeur for letting the engine of his car “run” for an hour while he waited for a patrol calls attention to a noise nuisance with which the authorities have been slow to deal.

Of the imported bathtubs of China during 1908 Germany supplied 45 per cent, England 38 per cent, and the United States only 15 per cent. It would seem that by a little trade diligence the cleanliness of our South American brethren might be brought nearer to our own prosperity.

## FIVE DIE IN CRASH

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD PASSENGER TRAIN, AT TERRIFIC SPEED, HITS ENGINE.

## WRECKAGE BURIES SCORES

Locomotive Boiler Explodes. Blowing Forward Part of Car Into Fragments—Caused by an Open Switch.

New York City.—An inbound Philadelphia train on the Pennsylvania railroad going at a terrific speed, crashed into an engine on a trestle near the Jersey City terminal.

Five persons were killed and scores injured, many of them seriously. Cars were splintered into stacks of debris.

The smoking car was demolished and the passengers were tossed about and buried under the wreckage.

The collision was head-on. The passenger train was sweeping across the grade at Brunswick street and Railroad half a mile from the line, when an open switch sent it on the wrong track.

The train swung over to the inner outside track when a light engine and tender were but a few yards distant, making good speed in the opposite direction. Before either engineer could make a move the crash came.

The boiler of the passenger engine exploded at the moment of impact. The forward part of the first car of the train was blown to bits. No passenger in that car escaped injury of some sort.

Within a short time after the collision every ambulance in Jersey City had been rushed to the scene and the various cars from many stations reinforced them. A force of workmen was quickly at work searching the debris for victims.

## FEARS TRAP BY MEXICO

Andrea Villareal, Discharged From El Paso Store, Says She Is Shattered—Plans a Revolution.

El Paso, Texas.—Señorita Andrea Villareal called the Mexican band and who asserted he had entered the United States service merely for money and graft, was court-martialed and sent to prison for several years. The country has no more use for traitors in these days than in the times of Benedict Arnold, and such an offense is severely punished because it strikes at the very root of our national life.

When the Mexican authorities arrested my sister Teresa at Torreón recently they thought they were arresting me,” Andrea said. “They want me because I speak and write against Diaz. If it had been I that they arrested the affair would not have ended so harmlessly. My father, my sister and my brother, Antonio, who is now in an Arizona prison for sending sedition literature through the mail have little right to expect leniency from the Mexican government. I shudder to think what would have happened had I been captured.”

## 3 BABIES IN FIRE PERIL

Early Morning Blaze at Evansville Threatens Lives of Three Families.

Evansville, Indiana.—The lives of three babies were endangered by an early morning fire Saturday which destroyed three cottages in the residence section of the city.

Mrs. William Howell dropped a match in a closet in searching for medicine for her baby. The family did not awaken until the house was falling in around them. An lad had now escaped.

At the home of John Pels, Mrs. Pels forgot her baby in her anxiety to save the piano and the infant was almost suffocated when rescued.

A baby at the home of John Mc-

Kunkle also had a narrow escape. The fire there was under way when discovered and the department had difficulty in preventing widespread loss.

Alvin Cohen, 17 years old, was before Judge Adams on a charge of stealing, and quite unexpectedly confessed that he had committed the Hoening murder.

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Dames Would Work Alone.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—The council

of the University of Copenhagen has

refused to allow the National Geo-

graphical Society of Washington to

be present when the official examination of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar expe-

dition records is made. The university, in answer to the request of the American society, cables:

“The university council cannot ac-

cept your offered assistance, taking it

for granted, after our examination,

the date and records will be placed at the

disposal of other institutions.

Two Killed at Wedding Frolle.

New York City.—District Attorney William Travers Jerome has formed a partnership with William Rand, Jr., one of his former assistants, and will resume the practice of law after his term expires.



Portrait of the Man to Be Appointed Minister to China—From Wireless Description.

## INTERRUPTS TRIAL, ADMITS CRIME

### DRAMATIC APPEARANCE OF MAN IN COURT WHO SAYS MME. STEINHEIL IS INNOCENT.

### WAS DISGUISED AS A WOMAN

New Witness Was Placed Under Arrest and Jury Warned That “Confession” May Be a Hoax—His Accomplice Is Dead.

Paris, France.—The trial of Mme. Steinheil was dramatically interrupted by a man who swore that he had participated in the murder of Mme. Steinheil's husband and her stepmother, of which she is accused, and that he had been an accomplice in the assassination of Adolphe Steinheil and Mme. Japy.

As the audience hushed into silence in their eagerness to hear what he had to say, Jean Le Fevre continued:

“I was an accomplice in the assassin-

ation at the home of Mme. Steinheil. Filled with remorse, I wish now to confess my part in the crimes. I was disguised as a woman and wore a wig of red hair. My accomplices wore long cloaks. We committed the murders and then escaped to the forest at Mount Morency, where we burned our disguises.”

Left Country After Crime.

The voluntary prisoner said that after destroying the immediate evidences of their crime he and his com-

panions escaped from the country go-

ing abroad. One of his friends had

since died, he said.

Mme. Steinheil confronted Le Fevre, but said she was unable to re-

cognize him as one of the murderers

whom she had described. Judge De

Vilmos ordered that Le Fevre be

placed under arrest and an investiga-

tion of his statement be made. At the

same time the court warned the jury

that this dramatic episode might prove

to be another attempt to baffle justice.

The new witness, who was im-

mediately placed under arrest, said

he was disguised as a woman at the

time of the crime. He said his uni-

form was to clear his conscience.

The new witness was dramatically introduced. Mme. Steinheil's attorney, first read a letter signed

Jean Le Fevre, in which the writer

said he had taken part in the murder.

The writer, the attorney said, had

stated that he had been overcome by

remorse. Immediately after reading

the letter the attorney suddenly and

dramatically introduced the writer,

who in the meantime had made his

way through the crowd through the

courtroom from a place beside M.

Aubin.

### YOUTH CONFESS MURDER CLERK REFUSES LICENSE

Mother Consents to Marriage of 15-year-old Daughter to Man of Three Score and Ten.

Oroville, Cal.—John Pinkney Ware, 18 years old, and a resident of Oroville, appeared before County Clerk Charles Mayhew and asked for a license to wed Cora May Burns, whose age was given by her mother as 15 years, but who did not look more than 13.

The girl was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Eliza Razine, who gave her consent to the marriage. Despite this fact, Datchelder refused to grant the license. The custody of the girl may be taken from the mother and vested in Probation Officer J. A. Glenn.

Back Seat for Roosevelt.

New York City.—Commander Peary is to get more for a word for the magazine story of his achievement in discovering the north pole than President Roosevelt is getting for his hunting story. Mr. Roosevelt's price is \$1,000, but Commander Peary is to get \$120 a word for a story of about 50,000 words that is to run serially in a magazine for the next eight months.

Stage Robbers Seize Mail Sack.

Vancouver, B. C.—Two masked highwaymen held up the Canadian stage at 150-Mile House in Cariboo, and stole several sacks of registered mail. It is believed they obtained four or five thousand dollars.

Farmer in Wagon Killed by Train.

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## JURY SAYS PEARY REACHED THE POLE

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY VOTES MEDAL TO COMMANDER AND BARTLETT.

### EXPERTS SEEK COOK'S PROOF

Question of Priority in Arctic Discovery Will Be Investigated Fully at Earliest Possible Moment by a Sub-Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Commander Robert E. Peary was voted a gold medal by the National Geographic Society for having reached the north pole.

The board of managers of the society at a meeting accepted unanimously the report of the subcommittee of scientists who had examined the explorer's records and proofs and found them to be corroborative of his claim that he had reached the pole.

The society adopted a resolution that the question of whether or not any explorer reached the north pole prior to 1899 shall be referred to a subcommittee of experts with authority to send for papers or make journeys to inspect original records. This indicates that the society proposes as soon as possible to pass upon the records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

After Cook's Proof.

Of far-reaching importance is the society's decision to follow up vigorously the question of priority. The members will spare no expense to be convinced that Peary will be advised immediately of the society's action.

Present at the meeting of the board of managers were 15 men, all prominent in the scientific world. After the report of the subcommittee there was a debate lasting more than two hours, but finally the board voted unanimously to accept the report of the three experts, who believed without question that Commander Peary reached the north pole April 6, 1898.

In addition to awarding Commander Peary a special gold medal, it was also decided that a medal be given to Capt. A. C. Bartlett, who was declared to have displayed "able seamanship, peerless courage and able management" in the Peary arctic expedition.

### DR. COOK IN RETIREMENT

Returns to New York, and Will Devote His Entire Time in Arranging His Records.

New York City.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook returned from his lecture tour. The traveling and lecturing have told on the explorer. He is thinner, and his face is pale and haggard. He said he hoped to be able to forward his reports and papers to the University of Copenhagen within the next three or four days. He will devote himself to this task, and no one will be permitted to see him until his charts and reports have been sent to the board of examiners he has chosen to pass upon them. Dr. Cook's secretary, Walter Longside, said Wed-

nesday.